(b) Assistance provided to Gujarat State during the year 1993-94 and 1994-95 are as follows:

Year	Rs. in Lakhs
1993-94	14014.86
1994-95	7764.27

(Provisional)

(c) Apart from the projects mentioned in answer to part (a) above no other Dairy Development Project is likely to be set up in the State with the assistance of NDDB.

Statement

Dairy Development Projects which are in progress in Gujarat State with the assistance of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)

I. *Mehsana Distt. Coop. Milk Producers' Union Ltd.*

1. Mehsana Dairy Expansion Phase II (1050—1150 Thousand Litres per day) (TLDP)

2. Kheralu Chilling Centres Expansion (70—150 TLDP)

2. Mehsana Dairy, Expansion & Upgradation (Phase III).

4. Hansapur Chilling Centre Expansion (70—150 TLD.)

5. Kadi Chilling Centre Expansion (70-150 TLDP).

II. *Surat Distt. Coop. Milk Producers Union Ltd.*

1. Sumul Dairy Strengthening.

2. Uchchhal Chilling Centre Expansion (10—30 TLDP).

3. Navi Pardi Chilling Centre (200 TLDP).

III. *Sabarkantha Distt. Coop. Milk Producers Union Ltd.*

1. Sabar Dairy Strengthening.

2. IDAR Chilling Centre Expansion (75—125 TLDP).

3. Prantij Chilling Centre Expansion (75-125 TLDP).

IV. *Banaskantha Distt. Coop Milk Producers Union Ltd.*

1. Banas Dairy Expn.

2. Banas Dairy Strengthening.

3. Khimana Chilling Centre Expansion (30—75 TLDP).

4. Dhanera Chilling Centre Expansion (20—50 TLDP).

5. Tharad Chilling Centre Expansion (20—50 TLDP).

6. Danta Chilling Centre Expansion (10—50 TLDP).

7. Radhanpur Chilling Centre Expansion (10—50 TLDP).

V. *Kaira Distt. Coop. Milk Producers Union Ltd.*

1. Amul-3 Dairy Project (650 TLDP).

2. Satellite Dairy Kheda (300 TLDP).

Post Harvest Losses in Fruits and Vegetables

5633. DR B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated post-harvest losses in fruit and vegetables;

(b) the reasons for such losses; and

(c) the steps taken to minimise these losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Although no survey has been conducted to assess the losses in perishable fruits and vegetables, it is estimated that quality deterioration and loss in value that take place is about 25.30% of some fruits and vegetables due to inadequacy of post harvest infrastructure and perishability of the produce.

(c) With a view to reduce post harvest losses of fruits and vegetables, Government have taken several measures, such as:—

(i) The National Horticulture Board has been provided Rs. 200 crores during VIII Plan period for establishment of post harvest infrastructure like pre-cooling, ultra high humidity storages, grading packing centres, improved and refrigerated transportation and processing through integrated project on management of post harvest infrastructure of horticulture crops and development of marketing of horticulture produce through participation in soft loan schemes. Similar assistance is provided by National Cooperative Development Corporation to the Cooperatives.

(ii) In order to encourage larger processing of fruits and vegetables, the Govt. have removed excise duty on all fruits and vegetables, allowed automatic approval for technology and marketing arrangements with foreign companies on payment of technology fee upto Rs. 1 crore and royalty of 5% for domestic sale and for export upto 8%

(iii) Reduced excise duties and customs duties on capital goods for fruits and vegetables processing industry, as well as refrigeration and other equipments.

(iv) Provided encouragement to export by making the export earning tax free for a period of five years, allowed 100% Export Oriented Units for agro food industries to sell upto 50% in Domestic Tariff Area, allowed duty concessions under Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, allowed import of capital goods for fruits and vegetable processing industry. Besides Ministry of Food Processing Industry formulated various Plan schemes for encouraging fruits and vegetables processing industry.

Yield of Foodgrains and Cash Crops in North-Eastern Region

5634. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of North-Eastern Region so far as yield of foodgrains and cash crops is concerned; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to increase the yield of foodgrains and cash crops in this region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Paddy is the major foodgrain crop of the North-Eastern region. The rate of growth of yield of paddy during the period 1980-81 to 1993-94 has been significantly high in most of the States except Arunachal Pradesh where it was low and Meghalaya which has shown a decline in yield in recent period.

The performance of cash crops in respect of yield is satisfactory.

(b) For increasing production and productivity of cereal crops in North-Eastern region, a centrally sponsored Integrated Cereal Development Programme in Rice Based cropping system areas (ICDP-Rice) is being continued. For commercial crops Special Jute Development Programme is being implemented. A scheme for Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System is being proposed during the remaining part of the 8th Five Year Plan.

National Agricultural Technology Project

5635. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning